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SUBJECT: IRAQI UN MISSION ACQUISITION OF FIREARMS

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1. ON DECEMBER 21 I TOLD SOURCE CITED IN BAGHDAD 1855
THAT IRAQI UN AMBASSADOR SHAIKHLY WAS DENYING THAT UN MISSION
HAD RECEIVED MORE THAN 70 WEAPONS. I SAID THAT THIS COULD
LEAD TO A SERIOUS SITUATION SINCE USG HAD CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE
THAT 100 HAD BEEN DELIVERED TO IRAQI UN MISSION.

2. SOURCE SEEMED SURPRISED AND REMARKED THAT SHAIKHLY
WAS NOT HANDLING THE SITUATION WELL. HE SAID THAT HE
WOULD REPORT THIS INFORMATION IMMEDIATELY TO THE (MUKHABARET)
AUTHORITIES AND HE BELIEVED THAT THEY WOULD TAKE STEPS TO
RETURN THE OTHER 30 WEAPONS TO NEW YORK.

3. I RECOMMEND THAT WE HOLD OFF ON ANY FURTHER ACTIONS AGAINST
IRAQI UN MISSION OR ITS PERSONNEL UNTIL GOI HAS HAD TIME TO
SEND NEW INSTRUCTIONS TO SHAIKHLY AND TO RETURN THE 30 WEAPONS
TO NEW YORK.

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